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ask you to comment on what your understanding of that language is, please?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Certainly, Senator Preister. The money that we may receive in the form of federal grants would be used to train people in lead abatement so that they can become certified. The money can only be used to clean up lead-based paint as it pertains to children under the age of six, where they may spend time, whether it be home, day-care, or whatever. And it is to comply with federal standards. And if we do not pass the bill and have our own program, then the EPA would administer their program. And we think it's best for the state control. And so I don't know if that's what you wanted to hear, Senator Preister, but that's my understanding of the program. And I think we've had a little over \$1 million already of federal grants. And there's certainly more money to be had, and it's certainly a serious problem in some areas of the state.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Senator Schrock. One last question, then. I had a loud "ka-choo" in my ear, so I may have missed something that you said. Is it the intent of this language, then, that I read on page 15, that any federal grant money, such as HUD grants, could not be used to abate any sites where lead is found from sources other than lead-based paint?

SENATOR SCHROCK: That is correct, Senator Preister. This is to be addressed only for lead-based paint. That doesn't mean there isn't any other lead hazards out there, but this money will be used only for lead-based paint hazards as it pertains to children.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Senator Schrock. That was what I wanted to have in the record and to be clear on, so that if the testing that the EPA is doing in the child care facilities and in the corridors in Omaha and the eastern part of the city to do some abatement, that those funds would be used solely for lead-based paint abatement. I thank you. I thank the body. And with that, Mr. Clerk, I would withdraw this amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read LB 863e on Final Reading.)